

# Harmonization Of the Accounts of the Resurrection

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## *The First Sunday*

**Matt. 28:1; Mark 16:1-4; Luke 24:1-3; John 20:1**

Mary Magdalene and the other Myrrhbearers leave from their separate abodes (at separate times?) by prior arrangement, to converge on the Tomb on the morning of the first day.

**John 20:2**

Mary Magdalene arrives first, before the others, finds the Tomb empty, and departs to find Peter and John.

**Matt. 28:5-7**

Meanwhile, the other Myrrhbearers arrive at the Tomb, find it empty and are greeting by the angels.

**Matt. 28:8; Mark 16:8; Luke 24:9**

The women also flee to tell the apostles. They find them and tell the news.

**John 20:3-9**

Mary Magdalene, Peter and John run to the Tomb.

**John 20:10**

Peter and John find the Tomb empty and leave.

**John 20:11-17**

Mary Magdalene remains to grieve, meets the risen Lord.

**John 20:18**

She runs to tell the other apostles as well.

**Luke 24:10-11**

The apostles do not believe the women's story.

**I Cor. 15:5; see Luke 24:34**

Christ appears to Simon Peter.

**Matt. 28:9-10**

Christ appears to the women.

**Luke 24:13-35**

Christ appears to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

**Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-23; I Cor. 15:5**

Christ appears to the Twelve (i.e. the Ten) in the evening, in Jerusalem.

## ***Second Sunday***

**John 20:26-29**

Christ again appears to the apostles and Thomas with them.

## ***Later Still***

**John 21:1-22**

The third appearance of Christ to His disciples in Galilee.

**Matt. 28:16-20; I Cor. 15:6**

Christ appears to a large crowd of more than five hundred disciples.

**I Cor. 15:7**

Christ appears to James.

**Luke 24:44-49; I Cor. 15:7**

Christ appears to all the Seventy apostles in Jerusalem.

The above listing is not exhaustive of course. The Lord appeared many times to His disciples during the forty-day period after His Resurrection (Acts 1:3). But the appearances mentioned in the Gospels are not incapable of harmonization.

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